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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2002 in the above identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

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 If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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## **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **AMENDMENTS**

If checked, amendment(s) to the specification and/or claims are submitted herewith.

1.  If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

#### **2. Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 11, 15 and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 17, 18 and 19 add new claims 20 and 21 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the “clean” version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

If checked, the optional complete set of “clean” claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix C.